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SUBJECT: CODEL TEAGUE- HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: STATE 120829 AND PREVIOUS

1. REP. JOHN B. BREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING
TWO MESSAGES BE TRANSMITTED TO MR. VAL MARMILLION,
C/O BREAU'S OFFICE, 2443 RAYBURN BLDG., WASHINGTON,
TEL. 225-2031, AND MESSAGES REACH MARMILLION
AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 31.

2. QUOTE: I WILL TRY TO CALL MY OFFICE AT APPROXIMATELY
2 PM WASHINGTON TIME ON TUESDAY, MAY 31. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS PRESS RELEASE: QUOTE: MONDAY
MAY 30, 1977. CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. BREAU (D-LA.)
TODAY ANNOUNCED THROUGH HIS WASHINGTON OFFICE THAT
HE WOULD BE MAKING AN ON-SITE INSPECTION TOUR OF
THE WORLD'S ONLY UNDERGROUND SALT MINE CURRENTLY
BEING USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR RADIOACTIVE
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WASTES.

QUOTE: I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SEE FOR MYSELF HOW

THESE SALT IMINES ARE USED FOR STORAGE AND TRY AND
EVALUATE THEIR SAFETY CAPACITY. SINCE LOUISIANA
SALE MINES ARE BEING STUDIED AS POTENTIAL STORAGE

SITES FOR NUCLEAR WASTES, I WANT TO TRY AND LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THIS PROGRAM ALREADY IS IN OPERATION. END QUOTE.

QUOTE: BREAUX WILL VISIT THE UNDERGROUND SALT MINES LOCATED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY NEAR ASSE, GERMANY. THE ASSE SALT FORMATIONS HAVE REMAINED UNIDSTURBED FOR MORE THAN 100 MILLION YEARS AND ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO EXIST FOR THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE RADIOACTIVE WASTES TO DECAY. NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS ARE VERY CLEAN OPERATIONS WHEN COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL POWER PLANTS. A 1,000-MEGA-WATT COAL POWER PLANT RELEASES OVER 300 TONS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE INTO THE ATMOSPHERE PER DAY, WHILE A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OF THE SAME SIZE PRODUCES ONLY 1 CUBIC METER OF HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE PER YEAR. THIS WASTE, HOWEVER, PRESENTS DISPOSAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE TIME IT TAKES FOR THIS RADIOACTIVE

QUOTE: LOUSIANA HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO LEAD THE NATION IN ENERGY PRODUCTION, BUT WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW OUR UNDERGROUND SALT DOMES TO BECOME THE NATION'S NUCLEAR GARBAGE DUMP. SAFETY IS THE UTMOST CONCERN THAT WE ALL HAVE AND I HOPE THAT THIS INSPECTION TOUR WILL ANSWER SOME OF MY QUESTIONS. UNQUOTE. MEEHAN

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